Land classified under tribal sub-plan areas

3307. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the 73rd Constitution Amendment, for executing commercial projects in tribal sub-plan areas, permission has to be secured from concerned Gram Panchayats;

(b) if so, the number of occasions when such permissions have been secured with State-wise details thereof since the said amendment has been notified; and

(c) whether projects under public sector subsequently sold off to private entities on commercial basis will also attract provision of such amendment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Sub-Clause (I) of Clause 4 of the provisions of The Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (No. 40 of 1996) provides as "the Gram Sabha or the Panchayats at the appropriate level shall be consulted before making the acquisition of land in the Scheduled Areas for development projects and before re-settling or rehabilitating persons affected by such projects in the Scheduled Areas; the actual planning and implementation of the projects in the Scheduled Areas shall be coordinated at the State level."

(b) and (c) Since the provisions of above said Act does not provide seeking of permission from concerned Gram Panchayats for executing commercial projects etc. in tribal sub-plan areas, therefore, the information with reference to the parts (b) and (c) may be treated as NIL.

Providing modern equipments to skilled rural artisans at subsidized rates

3308. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any national policy to provide modern equipments to skilled artisans living in rural areas of the country on subsidized rates;

(b) if so, the details of the equipments distributed in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last two years, district-wise; and

(c) the likely subsidy to be provided for the distribution of these equipments in the State during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Rural Development is not implementing any Scheme exclusively to provide modern equipments to skilled artisans living in rural areas of the country on subsidized rates. However, under the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) rural artisans from below the poverty line families can be assisted for self-employment. The objective of the SGSY is to bring the assisted poor families (Swarozgaris) above the poverty line by providing them income generating assets through a mix of Credit and Government Subsidy. The Statement showing district-wise total funds available, fund utilised and swarozgaris assisted under the SGSY, in Andhra Pradesh for 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is enclosed.

Statement

*Details of funds utilized under SGSY in Andhra Pradesh*1999-2000 2000-2001

SI. no.	District	1999-2000			2000-2001		
		Total Funds available (Rs. in lakhs)	Total Expen-diture (Rs. in) lakhs)	Total No. of Swaroz-garis assisted	Total funds available (Rs. in) lakhs)	Total Expen-diture (Rs. in lakhs)	Total No. of Swaroz garis assisted
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Andhra Pradesh							
1.	Adilabad	544.12	546.40	8971	348.37	348.08	5752
2.	Anantapur	689.10	537.10	8682	464.39	434.59	4098
3.	Chittoor	543.13	479.12	8577	383.39	377.26	4422
4.	Cuddapah	593.31	380.08	5894	307.15	286.50	2657
5.	East Godavari	693.37	692.89	11863	321.86	369.52	7777
6.	Guntur	702.86	601.04	10294	427.41	391.34	5220
7.	Karimnagar	526.17	452.85	8060	355.40	347.28	2308
8.	Khamman	519.59	353.67	6618	280.60	293.30	1701
9.	Krishna	510.40	491.06	8415	287.34	325.07	4073
10	Kurnool	478.01	466.39	7224	316.09	336.83	2670
11	Medak	408.75	332.10	5771	283.95	270.03	2385
12	Mehboobnagar	580.31	413.57	7525	562.50	535.10	4436
13	Nalgonda	576.87	566.12	8049	360.56	334.96	6521
14	Nellore	433.88	426.07	6464	325.96	300.73	2562

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
15	Nizamabad	482.68	468.40	6255	215.33	225.57	3069
16	Prakasam	463.73	430.43	7805	340.67	346.59	3689
17	Rangareddy	287.64	285.46	4203	199.66	187.20	2399
18	Srikakulam	436.29	406.67	6443	207.87	255.05	2203
19	Vishakhapatnam	439.97	422.26	7537	326.98	326.98	6327
20	Vizianagaram	388.90	344.89	5313	258.76	251.38	3178
21	Warangal	487.70	474.24	8601	267.12	241.77	2284
22	West Godavari	481.53	473.27	6626	307.95	297.23	3353
	TOTAL:	1126832	10044.0	165190	7149.3	7082.3	83084

Setting up of 14 lakh self-help groups for improving land and natural resources in villages

3309. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up 14 lakh self-help groups for improving the land and natural resources in the villages across the country within three years;

(b) if so, the details of the plan;

(c) how the plan will be implemented; and

(d) the funds to be provided for implementation of the same?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) In the National Conference on the Self-Help Group (SHG) movement and the Swaranajayanti Gram Swarojzar Yojana (SGSY) held on 23rd and 24th June, 2001 at the National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad, it was resolved to form at least one self-help group in each habitation by 2004. There are about 14 lakh rural habitations in the country at present. Through the SHGs, it is envisaged to organize the rural poor, build their capacity, make them self confident, give them a voice, motivate them for sustainable self-employment based on local needs and resources and improve their quality of life.

(b) and (c) This is to be achieved by the year 2004. The States and UTs have been requested to chalk out the strategy to achieve the target.

(d) The funds will be provided on the basis of annual budgetary provision.